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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Mikio Onodera

Appln. No.: 09/992,405

Filed: November 6, 2001

For: Manual Input Device Using a Motor as an Actuator for Applying an External Force to Its Manual Control Knob

Attorney Docket No: 9281/4230

Examiner: R. McCloud

Art Unit: 2837

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

Previously submitted:

Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.

Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

Other: _____

Attached is/are:

An Information Disclosure Statement

An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings

New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability

Other: _____

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Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

 Small Entity Status:

- Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.
- Is no longer desired.

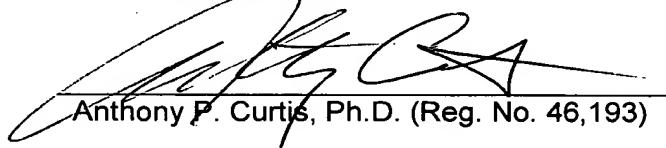
 Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

- A Request fee of \$770 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
- A suspension processing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).
- An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).
- An extension fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a _____-month extension of time.

 Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

- A check in the amount of \$770 is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.
- A payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

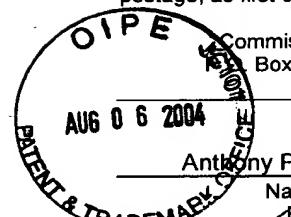


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Knob)

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated May 6, 2004:
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.
Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.



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Attached is/are:

Check for \$770; Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Request for Continued Examination (2pp. Filed in Dup.); Amendment (4pp.)

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Fee calculation:

No additional fee is required.

Small Entity.

An extension fee in an amount of \$____ for a ____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(____).

An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Not a Small Entity		
					Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total	3	Minus	20	0	x \$9=			x \$18=	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
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